



# Rapid Response Team

## Team Compositions

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# TAMC RRT Composition

- Critical Care Nurse
- Respiratory Therapist
- ICU Attending physician – On-call
  - Hospitalist will be added in the future, when staffed
- Pediatric RRT includes a Pediatric Resident and/or Pediatric Staff Physician at each call

# TAMC RRT Composition

## ■ Critical Care Nurse

- Bed Manager
- No patient or bed assignment
- Experienced Critical Care Nurse
- BLS, ACLS, PALS (Pediatric RRT), TAMC RRT Responder Training, UH Crisis Team Training (Simulation Center)
- Selected for leadership, positive attitude, and customer service skills
- Needed 4 additional Critical Care Nurse positions

# TAMC RRT Composition

- Respiratory Therapists
  - Did not require additional staffing
  - RRT Responder Training, UH Crisis Team Training

# Other RRT Models

- ICU RN and Respiratory Therapist (RT)
- ICU RN, RT, Intensivist or Hospitalist
- ICU RN, RT, Intensivist, Resident
- ICU RN, RT, Physician Assistant
- ED or ICU RN
- “Ramp Up” and “Ramp Down” Models
  - TAMC RRT is a “Ramp Up” model
  - Some facilities use a “Ramp Down” model and use current Code Blue Team - members dismissed if not needed

# Four key features of Rapid Response Team Members

- Available to respond immediately when called
- Onsite and accessible
- Critical care skills necessary to assess and respond
- Must respond to every call with a smile on their face and a script to include, “Thank you for calling. How can I help you?”

# Conclusion: Developing Team

- Examine current resources and culture
- Build on existing relationships and practice patterns
- Care should be taken when choosing team members
- Staff must feel comfortable with team
- Team members should be willing to assist and educate all levels of staff
- Team must respond with the same sense of urgency as to emergent situation
- Contingency plans – if RRT is already on call – TAMC RRT method: prioritize or call Backup RRT Nurse